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NOTE TO: Deputy Director for Operations
FROM : Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT: Improving Political Intelligence

1. I have reviewed [redacted] proposal to you on
responding to the Director [redacted]

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3. I would propose that two things come out of this effort:

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4. I would also suggest that we jointly send a cover note
to the Director forwarding [redacted] proposal and saying that we are
moving forward to implement it in order that he will know we are
paying attention. [redacted]

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[redacted]
Robert M. Gates

[redacted] - I have alerted the relevant office
directors. We await your call.

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6 September 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Operations


FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Improving Political Intelligence

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1. As a follow-on to the changes recently made in the direction of divisions and offices in your organizations, I think that now is the time for a renewed effort to improve political intelligence. We need to get more information on senior-level dynamics, politics, and policies for

3. I would like you to put a small group of the right people together from your Directorates to address this need and to figure out how it can be given high priority and concrete form through development of a strategy and helpful guidelines for correction.


William J. Casey

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Operations

FROM: Chief, Evaluation and Plans Staff

SUBJECT: Improving Political Intelligence

REFERENCE: DCI Memo of 6 September 1984 on Same Subject
• to the DDI and DDO

1. The DCI's interest in a renewed effort to improve political intelligence, especially on certain countries in which we have major strategic interests, offers us an opportunity.

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2. In this regard, members of both the EPS [redacted] have considered the DCI's request that a "small group of the right people" from both the DO and the DI be formed to develop a plan of action for turning political intelligence needs into political intelligence production.

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The group's mission would be to define and articulate for their directorates and their divisions a plan of action and the parameters of a cooperative effort to improve the requirements, collection, and analysis of political intelligence. It would also be responsible for, and participate in as necessary, lower-level groups that would develop requirements and suggestions tailored to specific countries of interest [redacted]

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